

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The works of 4 passenger platforms at New Delhi, 1 washing line at Delhi Main, 1 passenger platform at Delhi Sarai Rohilla, New Delhi-Tilak Bridge 5th and 6th line, 6 line entry and exit at New Delhi, Sarai Rohilla-Rewari gauge conversion, Sahibabad-Anand Vihar 3rd and 4th line and grade separator at Rampura Cabin are being executed for expansion of existing terminal facilities. The work of an additional terminal at Anand Vihar has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 85 crore. A proposal for acquisition of land at Bijwasan for development of integrated freight & coaching terminal has been included in the Supplementary Demand for Grants (2006-07) at a cost of Rs. 75.29 crore. A directional terminal at Holambi Kalan is also being proposed. Further, Delhi Sarai Rohilla station is also being used for despatching and receiving special trains for clearing holiday and summer rush.

Sky Bus project

1156. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sky Bus project of Konkan Railway Corporation has been marketed;

(b) the names of institutions/Government organizations shown interest in the project;

(c) the names of institutions/Government organizations who have agreed to buy the project;

(d) whether the project has been put into operation in any part of the country or outside the country; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Pune Municipal Corporation, Government of Kerala, Government of Goa and Government of Andhra Pradesh have shown interest in the project.

(c) Nil.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Survey of rail lines in Uttaranchal

†1157. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work with relation to Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar and Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail lines in Uttaranchal has been completed; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting the work inspite of completion of survey work with regard to said rail lines in the most backward but a State having great future potentials i.e. Devbhoomi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The survey for a new line from Tanakpur to Ghat-Bageshwar (110 Kms.) were completed in the past but could not be considered due to its unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects. Further, based on demand, an updating survey for Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar has been taken up.

As regards Rishikesh to Karnprayag, a survey was completed in 1999-2000 as per which the cost of construction of 125 Kms. long line was assessed as Rs. 1372 crore. The proposal could not be considered in view of unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects.

Rail Coach Factory

1158. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up rail coach factory at Rai Bareli in Uttar Pradesh and a loco unit at Saran in Bihar;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up another rail production unit in Bihar State;

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